

**Admissions, Standards and Honors (ASH) Committee Meeting, November 19, 2010
Pleasant Hall Library/Conference Room**

Members present: Bill Armstrong, Andrea Houston, Lupe Lamadrid, Paul LaRock, Regina Lawrence, Mary Parker, Robert Perlis, Stacy Haynie, Robert Doolos, Gil Reeve, Maud Walsh. Muhammed Wahab sent a proxy to Bill Armstrong.

Visitors: Kurt Keppler, Vice-Chancellor for Student Life and Enrollment Services; Sydni Dunn, the Reveille; Jeffrey Wale, Thomas Rodgers, Trey Schwartzburg, Student Government Association.

William Armstrong, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

The minutes of the November 5th meeting were approved.

Discussion of FS Resolution 10-13, "Withdrawal Date Policy Revisions," introduced at the request of the Student Government Association

The Committee discussed for the third time a request for ASH support for Faculty Senate Resolution 10-13 <http://www.lsu.edu/senate/resolution%2010-13%20withdrawal%20policy.pdf>. The committee discussed new information provided by the Registrar on the number of students who add and drop on the 6th day [see email from William Armstrong dated November 19, 2010]. Jeffrey Hale reiterated that the SGA feels that students need more time to evaluate courses and therefore one day should be added to the period during which students can drop classes without a W. The Committee voted not to endorse the resolution because data indicate that high drop rates negatively affect student success [see email from William Armstrong to Jeffrey Wale dated November 22, 2010].

Discussion of proposed LSU Core 4 requirements

Haynie, Lamadrid, and Parker presented and explained a proposal for modification of LSU Core requirements that would be consistent with, but more challenging and restrictive than, the mandated Board of Regents 2012 core [see documents entitled "ASH LSU CORE talking points" and "LSUREGPROPOSED CORE 2012 and 2014 TOPS"]. The proposed changes would also comply with the TOPS CORE requirements that will be effective in 2014. Parker pointed out it is important to make decisions about admission requirements as soon as possible so that students who will be applying to enter LSU in Fall of 2012 and their counselors can plan accordingly in the coming spring semester. The Committee agreed with the recommendations [described in the document LSUREGPROPOSED CORE 2012 and 2014 TOPS"], and with a suggestion by Perlis that since four units of math and four units of science will be required, physics need not be one of the required science units. This flexibility would allow strong students from states that do not require physics, such as Texas, to apply without requiring special review or admission. The committee voted to recommend to the Faculty Senate that the proposed changes in the LSU Core (to be included as an attachment) be adopted and in addition strongly suggests that the amendments also make physics a "strongly recommended" science course rather than a required science unit.

Providing consistency among academic departments, schools, and colleges in statements pertaining to GPA requirements for transfer students

The Committee reviewed a draft email from the ASH Committee to the Catalog Revision Committee that recommended changes to provide consistency in wording in each College's catalog statements on transfer admission policies and to ensure adherence to LSU's published transfer requirements [see document entitled "Providing consistency among academic departments rev"]. The Committee voted to approve the message with a slight amendment, the inclusion of "transferring" for clarification; the final sentence of the first paragraph in the modified statement reads:

"Students transferring from another institution...."

The Committee thanked Stacy Haynie for her service to LSU as Vice-Provost and her support of and work with ASH.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

[Minutes submitted by Maud Walsh]